1 Hon. MARY ALICE THEILER 2 3 4 5 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 8 HUGO MARTIN RECINOS-RECINOS, et al., 9 NO. C06-307MAT 10 Plaintiff, NOTICE OF RELATED ACTIONS 11 v. 12 EXPRESS FORESTRY, INC., et al., 13 Defendant. 14 15 Two actions are pending before this Court that are related and should be considered 16

together. The two matters are <u>Hugo Martin Recinos-Recinos</u>, et al. v. Express Forestry, Inc., et al., Cause Number C06-307MAT, and <u>Escolastico de Leon-Granados</u>, et al. v. Eller and Sons <u>Tress, Inc., et al.</u>, Cause Number 06-306P. Both of these actions arise in the same context: pending in two Federal District Courts (one in the Northern District of Georgia and one in the Eastern District of Louisiana) are claims by various Plaintiff migrant agricultural workers challenging wage and hour practices of their employers, Defendant agricultural labor contractors including Eller and Sons Trees, Inc. and Express Forestry, Inc.

Seattle-based Plum Creek Timber Co., Inc. ("Plum Creek") contracted with agricultural labor contractors including Eller and Sons Trees, Inc. and Express Forestry, Inc. to provide certain agricultural services on its timber land holdings. Eller and Sons Trees, Inc. and Express Forestry, Inc. allegedly hired Plaintiffs to perform work on some of such contracts and

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purportedly failed to compensate them properly. Plaintiffs are seeking extensive document discovery from Plum Creek. The two matters in this Court are Motions to Compel Discovery brought by the Plaintiffs against Plum Creek. The parties have filed virtually identical materials in each matter, and the matters raise the same legal issues.

Originally, both matters were assigned to Judge Martinez. However, after Plum Creek filed its Responses in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Enforce Subpoena Duces Tecum, the first of these two actions, Cause Number 06-306P, was reassigned to Judge Pechman, and the second, Cause Number C06-307MAT, was reassigned to Magistrate Theiler. Because these two actions are related, and in fact are virtually identical matters, Third-Party Plum Creek hereby notifies the Court of their relatedness so that the actions can be assigned to a single Judge of this Court for consideration in accordance with this Court's Local Rules and operating procedures.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006 at Seattle, Washington.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> It also appears that the Court has mistakenly classified Cause Number C06-307MAT, <u>Hugo Martin Recinos-Recinos</u>, et al. v. Express Forestry, Inc., et al., as a new lawsuit, because Judge Theiler has issued the standard new case scheduling order. <u>See Docket No. 7</u>.

## 1 **Certificate of Service** 2 I, Marian C. DiPerna, certify under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Washington 3 that, on March 9, 2006, I caused copies of this Notice of Related Actions to be served via 4 CM/ECF electronic notification, with notification sent to the following parties: 5 6 Nicholas Broten Straley nick.straley@columbialegal.org 7 Andrew H Turner aturner@splcenter.org 8 Kristi Graunke kgraunke@splcenter.org 9 10 Dated this 10th day of March, 2006 at Seattle, Washington. 11 /s/ Marian C. DiPerna 12 Marian C. DiPerna, Legal Assistant 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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